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## Dictionary

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# Witnessing the Gold Rush



# Dictionary

## Californio

An early California colonist of Mexican or Spanish descent and their descendants.



## capital

A city that is the center of government for a state or country.



## citizen

A person who has certain rights in a country or state, including the right to live there.





## delegate

A person chosen to act for or represent others.

D



## ecosystem

A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.

E



## hydraulic

Something that is moved or powered by water or another liquid.

H

I

**injunction**

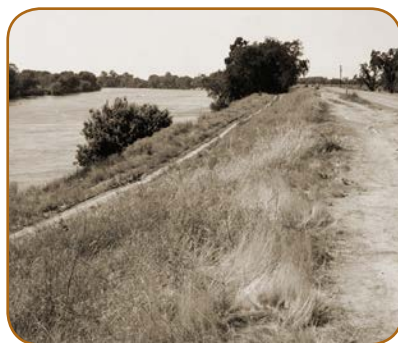
A court order that requires somebody to do or stop doing something.



L

**levee**

A raised bank beside a river formed naturally or built to control flooding.



M

**mercury**

A poisonous metal that is liquid at room temperature and a silver-white color.





### mining camp

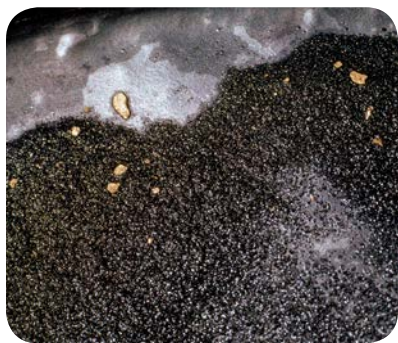
A place where miners work and live, usually for a short time.



### natural resources

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.

N



### nugget

A piece of gold or other valuable metal, as it is found in nature.



# P

## prospector

A person who looks for minerals, such as gold.



# S

## sawmill

A place where timber is cut into boards.



## squatter

A person who lives on land or in a building without permission from the owner.







### **tailings**

The stones, sand, and soil left over after mining.



### **timber**

Wood and lumber that is used to make buildings and other things.





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